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SABBATH SERVICES

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| Sabbath School..... | 9:30 A. M. |
| Church Services..... | 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. |
| Y. P. S. C. E..... | 6:45 P. M. |
| Junior Y. P. S. C. E..... | 2:00 P. M. |
| Prayer Meeting, Wednesday | 7:30 P. M. |

The pastor is giving a series of talks at the weekly prayer meeting on the New Birth, the Growth and Privileges of God's Children. Every member of the church should be at these meetings. The pastor does not do all of the talking. Everyone has the privilege of speaking or of asking questions, or leading in prayer.

It is to be regretted that we have had such unpropitious weather on prayer meeting evenings. But it is surprising how people can go to parties and entertainments of all descriptions through snow and rain, and never mind the weather. Is it any wonder that the church languishes when such inconsistencies are practiced by many of the members. Young people have their names upon the records of societies pledging themselves to be loyal to their own church, attending the regular and mid-week service (prayer meeting) and are never seen at a prayer meeting or a Sunday evening service. What do these promises mean? Would it not be better to irradiate them from the pledge than to keep up such pretensions. God

cannot consistently bless such an organization. There is no use to search for reasons why a young people's society of this description does not flourish. The reasons are apparent. We can deceive people but we cannot deceive God. He knows our sincerity. He knows our secret thoughts. We can never claim his blessings when we do not merit them.

In these very inconsistencies we dishonor God. We are either inexcusably careless or else we do not believe that God means what He says. If we are living in that hap-hazard, slipshod sort of a way we are not realizing much joy in our profession, and surely our influence can count for nothing among the unsaved. It is a profession that rings true upon every occasion that tells in its mighty influence upon the unsaved. It is a consistent christian example that stands out like a bright star in the heavens, attracting the eyes of the wandering soul heavenward and making the world better and brighter and happier. What a power the church would become if consistent christian living were practiced by its members. Let us raise the standard of christian living and then we will increase the power of the church.

After a long siege of waiting Mr. Jacob Rudisil and family are nicely settled in their new house. They have all the modern conveniences of a city home, and they will thoroughly enjoy them.

SABBATH EVENING SERMONS

Feb. 23. "The Tragedy of a Soul."

March 1. "God's Reckoning Day."

How many of the sermons in this series have you heard?

At the monthly meeting the consistory held Wednesday evening, January 29, W. F. Close was re-elected secretary of the consistory. The following committees were also announced by the president of the consistory:

Church Membership—Rev. A. K. Zartman, L. W. Hills, Henry Kessler, F. E. Moore.

Finances—W. F. Close, W. A. Hobson, H. E. Vordermark, H. E. Metzner.

Music—W. A. Hobson, W. F. Close, H. E. Vordermark, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Sunday School—Rev. A. K. Zartman, L. W. Hills, H. E. Metzner, Calvin Hosler, F. E. Moore, George Gemmer.

Janitor and Repairs—Henry Kessler, C. Hosler and George Gemmer.

The Young Men's Committee held its meeting for January at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bitner on East Lewis street. The usual routine of business was transacted in connection with the election of new members, and officers. Warren Young and Arthur Bitner were elected to membership. The following are the new officers: Irving Bitner, president; H. E. Metzner, vice president; George Ruck, secretary; Arthur Weiler, treasurer. At the close of the business meeting the boys were served to a very enjoyable luncheon and had a good social visit together. The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Geo. Ruck on Hurd street Tuesday evening, February 25th. All the members of the committee are expected at this meeting.

The following circular sent out to the members by the music committee needs no explanation. Read and act at once. Make your offering as liberal as possible. If you have not received your circular report to the chairman of the committee:

To the Members of Grace Church—

For many years our church has been exceedingly fortunate in securing young people from our own membership to furnish music for our services gratis. But during the past year your music committee as well as others who understood the situation have found that it is impossible to secure all our singers without some remuneration. We therefore are confronted with the necessity of providing some money for music aside from the regular current expenses.

The consistory has given the music committee power to carry out the following plan:

Enclosed find pledge card, which please sign, indicating the amount you wish to pay per month, returning same to Mrs. Frank Leikauf, treasurer of the committee.

Special envelopes will be furnished for your offering, which you will please place in the collection plate every month.

W. A. HOBSON, Chairman
 MRS. FRANK LEIKAUF, Treas.
 W. F. CLOSE
 MRS. A. K. ZARTMAN
 H. E. VORDERMARK
 Music Committee.

Wednesday evening, February 26, at the close of the prayer meeting there will be an important meeting of the Sunday School officers and teachers, and the Sunday School committee of the consistory, consisting of the following members: L. W. Hills, H. E. Metzner, C. Hosler, F. E. Moor and Geo. Gemmer. All the members of the consistory and church members who possibly can are invited to come to this meeting.

WITH THE ANGELS

John Moore, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, died Feb. 13 after a short illness from scarlet fever. This dread disease manifested itself on Friday previous, in its most malignant form, baffling the skill of both physicians and resisting all that loving hands and hearts could do.

Little John was two years and nine months old—a perfect picture of health, a finely developed child, with big brown eyes that never allowed much to escape his notice. He was a constant joy in the home because so bright and happy, so mirthful and imitative.

He was the baby in the primary department, having been a regular scholar for over a year. He never stayed at home from Sunday School gracefully, but in his own baby way he would find his clothing and insist upon getting ready to go. On some of the most disagreeable Sundays little John was in his chair in the Sunday School.

With the first manifestation of intelligence he was taught to speak the name of Jesus and had been permitted to live there would never have been a time in his life when he would not have known the Savior. We shall greatly miss him, but what is our loss is his eternal gain.

After a brief service the little body was taken to Lima, Ohio, Mrs. Moore's former home, for interment. The family has the sympathy of their many friends in the church and Sunday School in this their great bereavement. Little John leaves to mourn his death his father, mother and two little sisters.

At a consistory meeting held Sabbath afternoon, February 2, the following appointments were made for the Sunday School: Superintendent, Rev. A. K. Zartman; assistant superintendents, L. W. Hills, W. F. Close; secretaries, Irving Bitner, George Ruck; treasurer, H. E. Metzner.

In accordance with an action taken at a congregational meeting held Sabbath morning, January 5, a regularly called meeting of the congregation was held Thursday evening, January 23, when the following items of business were transacted.

First—Resolved, That Section 1 of Article II of the constitution be so amended that it shall read as follows: "The officers shall be a pastor, four elders, and one or more additional elders, at the option of the congregation, whose terms of office shall be for life, unless disqualified; four deacons, a treasurer and a financial secretary."

Second—Resolved further, That the elders elected for life shall be eligible to this office because of long and efficient service as officers in the church, and shall be chosen the same as the other elders, by a vote of the congregation at the annual meeting. They shall have the same rights and privileges as the other elders, and shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions.

Third—It is hereby recommended that the congregation ratify its action taken January 5th by electing L. W. Hills to the eldership for life, because of his faithful and efficient service as an officer of Grace church.

Sabbath morning, January 26, the newly elected church officers were ordained and installed Elders L. W. Hills, Henry Kessler, F. E. Moore, and Deacons W. A. Hobson and George Gemmer.

Mrs. A. R. Hills and Mrs. A. M. Henderson have been confined to the house all winter. It would be well if some of the members of the church would make it a point to call and see them occasionally. They will appreciate your coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robison are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter in their home.

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Mrs. Ed Close has had an attack of tonsillitis, but is improving.

Mr. Charles Close is still confined to his home on East Lewis street.

Miss Anna Heyman is now a full fledged teacher and we predict for her marked success in training young ideas how to shoot.

Have you paid your subscription for the Visitor this year. The consistory suggests that every family pay for its paper. The price is 25 cents.

The supper and social given on Saturday night, February 8th, was well attended by many of the clerks. The supper netted thirty-two dollars.

Mr. Frank Ruf and Mr. Karl Kriete were recent callers at the parsonage. They spent a few days in Fort Wayne and Decatur visiting relatives and friends.

The next monthly consistory meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, March 1st, at 3 o'clock. Every member of the consistory should be at this meeting without fail.

Get ready to fall in line with the Sunday School procession. A desperate effort is on foot to get the church into the Sunday School. Get in line. We must have the church membership in the school.

The Young People's Society and the Young Men's Committee are arranging to purchase a rubber mat for the vestibule of the church. Irving Bitner is receiving contributions for this purpose. Give him a lift.

Mrs. Anna Doermer entered Hope hospital three weeks ago for treatment under Dr. Drayer. It was found during

this time that nothing could better her condition permanently but a surgical operation, to which she submitted on February 18th. We trust she is now on the road to recovery, and that while her sufferings may be severe and trying she may soon be restored to much more than her usual health. She is greatly missed from the regular service as also from the prayer meeting. She has always been so faithful, even under adverse circumstances. We pray now that she may have the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit and that she may realize the blessedness of a perfect trust in God.

Wednesday evening, February 12, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pearse and daughter entertained at their beautiful home on West Creighton avenue at a six o'clock dinner, a number of the city pastors in honor of their pastor and wife. It was very considerate and kind of these friends to arrange for this social gathering for the pastors. We do not need to say that the ministers greatly enjoyed the evening and the dinner. It was a very pleasant and agreeable gathering for the pastors, and we are sure they will not object to being invited to many more such social functions. It is not often that so many of the pastors can meet together in a home and sit down at a table and enjoy a dinner together. Mrs. Zartman regrets very much that on account of her illness she could not be present. We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Pearse for their kindness and hospitality.

The Woman's Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon, March 5, in the lecture rooms of the church. The ladies of section No. 2 will serve supper from 5 to 8 P. M.

The ladies of section No. 2 will give their monthly supper Thursday evening, March 5. Come and bring your friends with you. The women of Grace church serve the best suppers in town.

GRACE CHURCH VISITOR

Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., of Cleveland, the editor of the Christian World, will assist the pastor during the Easter services. He will be with us during the week preceding and over Palm Sunday. It will be a great privilege to have Dr. Bomberger for a week's services. He is one of the best preachers we have in our synod. We have other announcements to make later on concerning our special services during the Easter season. It is not any too early to plan for these meetings and to pray for them.

The Young People's Society and the young people of the church were entertained at the parish house Tuesday evening, February 11. The pastor and wife were delighted to have so many of the young people in their home for an evening. They seemed to be very happy and assured us they had a pleasant time. Nothing gives us more pleasure than to have our young people in our home. We hope to have them some time again and trust they will feel at liberty to come to the parish house at any time. We shall be glad to have any of our people with us in our home whenever it is convenient for them to come.

The pastor and Mrs. Zartman with Mrs. Diefenbach spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Close. We had a fine time with little Donald.

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Y. P. C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS

March 1. "How God Lead's Men"

Psalms 23. Wm. Hobson.

March 8. "The Use of Time"

Eph. 5: 15-21. George Ruck.

March 15. "The Use of Money"

I Tim. 6: 17-19. W. F. Close.

March 22. "Our Influence."

Ecc. 4: 9-10; Prov. 27: 6, 9, 10, 17, 19. Bertha Bitner.

March 29. "The Philippines."

Matt. 13: 31-33. Missionary Committee.

Y. P. S. E. COMMITTEES

Lookout Committee—Ray Close, chairman, Lulu Bitner, George Ruck.

Prayer Meeting Committee—Bertha Bitner, chairman, Bertha Weikert.

Flower and Calling Committee—Estella Bottger, chairman, Mrs. D. F. Knott, Arthur Bitner and W. F. Close.

Missionary Committee—Elsie Weikert, chairman, Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Social Committee—Irving Bitner, chairman, Louis Wilkening, Elinora Klingenberg, Alfred Klingenberg, Frank Bitner, Ethel King, Cherrill Drukenbrod, Mrs. W. F. Close, Lizzie Rudisill, B. C. Hattel.

Many of our people have been victims of the grip during the last few weeks. The changeable weather has added many names to the sick list. Spring days and sunshine cannot make their advent too quickly. We shall rejoice at their coming.

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